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IN RE APPLICATION OF: **YUHPYNG L. CHEN**

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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the March 26, 1999 Office Action issued by the United States Patent Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the March 26, 1999 Office Action was originally due June 26, 1999. Applicant is filing along with this Amendment a Petition for a two month extension of time for responding to the March 26, 1999 Office Action. With a two month extension of time, a response to the March 26, 1999 Office Action is due August 26, 1999, and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the above-indicated application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claim 22 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 18, 20, 21, 23, and 24 as follows:

18. (Twice amended) A compound of the formula

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